

## **Natashia Tidwell**

Professor Natashia Tidwell began her career with the Cambridge Police Department in 1993. She enjoyed several assignments as a patrol officer including work in the Community Relations Unit as a school resource officer at Cambridge Rindge and Latin. As a sergeant, Professor Tidwell worked as a patrol supervisor and as an investigator in the Internal Affairs Unit. In 2003, Professor Tidwell became the first woman in the police department's history to reach the rank of lieutenant. Later that year, she graduated from New England School of Law and was accepted into the United States Attorney General's Honors Program. She later moved to Washington, D.C., to begin her career as a federal prosecutor. As a trial attorney in the Public Integrity Section of the Department of Justice, Professor Tidwell traveled across the country to prosecute and supervise investigations of police perjury, judicial bribery, and other complex white-collar crime investigations of public officials and government employees. After four years in Washington, D.C., Professor Tidwell returned to Boston as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Organized Crime Strike Force. As an AUSA, she prosecuted members of Mafia syndicates and other international criminal enterprises in cases involving illegal gambling, racketeering, loan-sharking, extortion, and other traditional organized crime-related activities. In 2010, she joined the faculty of New England Law where she draws upon her experiences as both a police officer and a prosecutor to teach courses in Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Criminal Advocacy and Federalism & the Criminal Process.